



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Forest Service
Sawtooth National Forest
Ketchum, ID

The Sawtooth National Forest is advertising for the following position:

POSITION: Meteorological Technician – Lead Avalanche Forecaster, GS-1341-08
PFT13/13

Note: This position is permanent, with varying tours of duty. Tours of Duty: This position is a permanent seasonal position. Position is guaranteed 13 pay periods (6 months) per year. Longer than 6 months is negotiable (up to full year), budget and work dependent.

LOCATION: USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest, Ketchum, Idaho

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position is assigned to the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center located in Ketchum, Idaho, and reports to the Avalanche Center Director. The Avalanche Center collects field data on mountain snow and weather, creates a daily avalanche advisory for south central Idaho (during winter months), maintains a network of remote weather stations, and conducts professional and recreational snow and avalanche education.

The successful incumbent will be an expert in mountain weather and avalanche forecasting, will have experience writing public avalanche advisories, and will have many seasons of experience working and travelling in adverse mountain environments on backcountry skis and snowmobiles. Hourly pay for this position starts at \$20.58/hour and insurance and retirement benefits are available.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

It is expected that the position will be filled through a single vacancy announcement, which may be accessed through the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by the closing date noted on the announcement. Individuals who respond to this outreach effort will be sent notice of the vacancy announcement when it is posted. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Simon Trautman,

Avalanche Center Director. You may reach Simon at 208-622-0095, or by e-mail at strautman@fs.fed.us (please put your phone number on the e-mail message).

Outreach Reply Due Date: May 20, 2013

ABOUT THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/Sawtooth>)

The 2.1 million acre Sawtooth National Forest is divided into four management units – the Minidoka, Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Elevations range from 4,513 to 12,009 feet above sea level offering a great variety of land forms and vegetation. The Forest extends from northern Utah to the Salmon River country in Idaho. More than 2 million visitor days of recreation occur annually on the Forest with four downhill ski areas, including the world-premiere Bald Mountain Ski Area at Sun Valley. The Forest administers the 217,088-acre Sawtooth Wilderness in addition to three other areas, totaling more than 270,700 acres, recommended for wilderness classification. The Forest provides habitat to 10 listed T & E Species, 17 Sensitive Wildlife & Fish Species and 36 Sensitive Plant Species. Approximately 5 million board feet of timber are offered annually. There are approximately 120 permanent/full-time employees on the Forest in addition to 100 seasonal employees.

ABOUT Ketchum, Idaho

The Ketchum Ranger District office is located in Ketchum, Idaho on the north end of the Wood River Valley. The valley includes the communities of Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, and Bellevue.

The area is known for its outstanding central Idaho mountains', scenery and climate, as well unlimited recreation opportunities. Popular summer activities include hiking, camping, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, motor biking, and fishing. Winter recreation includes skiing at Sun Valley's Bald Mountain Ski Area, backcountry skiing, nordic and skate skiing on extensive trail systems, and snowmobiling trails. In addition to outdoor pursuits, the resort setting brings in a host of cultural events not normally found in small towns, including top musical artist, sporting events and art festivals. Summertime temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees and winter lows may dip below zero.

Schools are considered exceptional in the Wood River Valley for preschool and grades K-12. In addition, the College of Southern Idaho offers courses at the Hailey Campus. The area is served with a regional hospital with a full spectrum of local medical specialists. Shopping for all necessary goods can be done in the valley, with the expanded services of most major shopping centers available in Twin Falls (1.5 hrs south), or Boise (3 hrs west).

The cost of housing in the Wood River Valley is considered high, with a median price for a single family home in Blaine County of \$383,500. Also, expect rental units to cost in the range of \$1,200-\$2,000 a month for a typical 3 bedroom home. Prices are higher in the north end of the valley, and more moderate in the south end.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in the Sawtooth National Forest Lead Avalanche Forecaster position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete the form and send via e-mail to **strautman@fs.fed.us** or mail the form to:

USDA Forest Service – Sawtooth National Forest
 Attention: Simon Trautman
 P.O. Box. 2356
 Ketchum, ID 83340

FAX #: (208) 725-0031

Position Title/Series/Grade	Lead Avalanche Forecaster, GS-1341-08 PFT13/13
Location	Sawtooth NF Ketchum Office Ketchum, ID

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name		Date	
Address			
E-Mail Address			
Phone			
Current Title/Series/Grade			
Are you currently a federal employee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If YES: Current Agency and Location:			

Type of Appointment ☐ Permanent ☐ Term ☐ Temporary

Please return the Outreach form to Simon Trautman, Avalanche Center Director, strautman@fs.fed.us